

# Wilmington Journal.

VOL. 18. } CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA—WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1862. { NO. 27.

**General Notices.**      *me, and were distinguished for coolness and courage, until the enemy gave way and fled in wild disorder in every di-*      *of the enemy to and beyond the Potomac. The War De-*      *That some of you, influenced by momentary impulse*  
*partment has been fully advised long since of all of those*      *should grow restive under the enforcements of those rule*

LATER.  
A gentleman who left Fort Donelson yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and reached here at noon to-day, says that the fight had been going on all day yesterday.—The right wing of the enemy's fortifications were taken, and the Stars and Stripes were floating over them.—The forces were breast to breast, and the battle was to be renewed.

CAIRO, Feb. 16.—The steamer Minnehaha arrived here from Fort Donelson, having left the Fort at five o'clock last evening, bringing a military mail and despatches and one hundred and fifty wounded to the hospital at Paducah.

The Illinois Eighteenth suffered severely, and the Iowa Seventeenth sustained considerable loss.

Captain Swartz' battery, which was taken by the enemy, was recaptured by our men. Two Colonels were wounded and two killed. The loss is heavy on both sides.

The upper fort was taken at 4 o'clock, and the Union

flag is now floating over it. Our troops behaved with great gallantry. The gunboats St. Louis, Louisville and Pittsburg were disabled. The Minnebaha met the mortar boats at Paducah going up.

STILL LATER.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—Despatches received at headquarters say that all our gunboats were pretty effectually disabled except one.

Commodore Foote was wounded twice but not se-

CHICAGO, Feb. 16th.—The Tribune's special correspondence is as follows :

Fort Donelson, Feb. 15, forenoon.—The firing commenced yesterday at daybreak, and continued at intervals all day. Up to 4 o'clock no movement or assault by the land force had been made. Night before last an attempt was made by the Rebels to take Taylor's battery, but they were repulsed by two regiments and driven back beyond their entrenchments.

Our loss in wounded is considerable, but so far not more than three or four are dangerously wounded.

Six gunboats arrived yesterday: and commenced an attack on the fort at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The firing was very rapid and severe, and lasted one hour and twenty minutes, when our gunboats fell back. The four iron-clad boats went within three hundred yards of the fort.

The Louisville received 57 shots, two of which took effect, one striking the starboard side of her deck passing through the entire length of the boat, killing three men and breaking her tiller rope a short distance from the pilot house. The rope was then managed by some of the hands, when a shell from the Tyler, which lay some distance astern, burst over the Louisville, scattering the men at the tiller and causing considerable damage.

One shot struck the Pittsburg in the bows and stove an immense hole in her which caused her to drop out of action. The leak, however, has been stopped.

One shot struck the pilot house of the St. Louis, passing through it between the pilot's legs without injuring him. All the boats were more or less injured, but none but the Louisville severely. There were five

The gunboats will not be in a condition to renew the attack before to-morrow morning. In consequence of the height of the bluff on which the Rebel fortifications are built our cannon cannot have as much effect on them as on Fort Henry. Therefore it will require a much longer time to reduce this fort. The Rebels have raised the black flag; it can be seen flying from a bank

BY TELEGRAPH.  
FOR THE JOURNAL.  
LATER FROM NASHVILLE.—BUCKNER, PILLOW

AND FLED SAFE.—THEY CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH THE ENEMY.—GEN. JOHNSTON AT GALLATIN.—NASHVILLE NOT TO BE SURRENDERED.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 19th, 1862.

The Atlanta Commonwealth of this morning says that passengers report a dispatch was received at Nashville, stating that Buckner with his army cut his way through the

enemy and is safe.

A dispatch in the Southern Confederacy, says that Buckner is in Nashville.

AUGUSTA, GA., Feb. 19th, 1862.

Passengers by the Georgia Rail Road to-night assert that Generals Pillow, Floyd and Buckner, after a gallant defence of three days, cut their way through the enemy and are now in the neighborhood of Nashville. Gen. A. S.

Johnston is at Gallatin, and has no idea of surrendering Nashville.

FIRST CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

FIRST DAY  
RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 18th, 1862.

Congress met to-day. In the Senate, Vice President Stephens was in the chair. R. M. T. Hunter was elected President *pro tem*. James H. Nash, of South Carolina, was

Senators absent, both from Alabama, Burnett from Kentucky, Semmes from Louisiana, and Phelan from Mississippi.

There was one Georgia vacancy, in consequence of Mr. Toombs declining to serve.

In the House, Mr. Boocock of Virginia, was elected speaker; and Emmet Dixon, of Georgia, elected Clerk.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

In the House, Mr. Foote, of Tennessee, introduced resolutions of enquiry into the causes of the recent disasters in North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, proposing the appointment of a committee and to send for persons and papers. It was laid on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia, introduced a resolution declaring that in case any officer of the army or navy was found

the Senate, at one o'clock, proceeded to the representative chamber to witness the counting of votes for President

Mr. Henry, of Kentucky, introduced a bill legalizing the organization of certain companies of Tennessee volunteers since the first of December last.

FROM THE BURNSIDE FLEET.  
GOLDBERO, N. C., Feb. 20th, 1862.

OUR GENERALS ALL AT NASHVILLE—GEN. BUCKNER'S FORCES FOUGHT THEIR WAY THROUGH FROM FORT DONNELSON—CONFEDERATE LOSS TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED—FEDERAL LOSS ABOUT SIX THOUSAND.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 20th, 1862, A. M.

The Atlanta Confederation of this evening

The Atlanta Constitution of this morning, says that dispatches from reliable sources state that Gens. Johnston, Buckner, Pillow and Floyd are in Nashville, making preparations to meet the enemy.

Gen. Buckner's forces, cut off on Sunday, nearly all fought their way out or are making their way through the hills to Nashville.

The enemy is in possession of Fort Donnellson.

Gen. Buell had hoped to attack Buell.

The total Confederate loss at Fort Donelson was twenty five hundred, and the Federal loss about six thousand.

